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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE
THE SECRETARY OF WAR
THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Proposed N.I.A. Meeting

References: a. N.I.A. 6, Subject "Coordination of Intelligence Activities Related to Foreign Atomic Energy Developments and Potentialities"
b. Minutes N.I.A. 6th Meeting

At its 6th meeting on the 21st of August 1946, the National Intelligence Authority agreed to recommend that the President approve the Enclosure to N.I.A. 6, as amended, with an understanding that any action taken by the N.I.A. will be without prejudice to future change that might be desired by the Atomic Energy Commission. The President, however, wished to defer taking action on this matter pending the establishment of the Atomic Energy Commission.

In view of the subsequent establishment of this Commission, the Director of Central Intelligence suggests that the National Intelligence Authority consider whether further action should be taken on this subject at this time.

It is, therefore, respectfully requested that the Secretary, N.I.A., be advised whether it is agreeable to hold a meeting of the National Intelligence Authority on Monday, 6 January 1947, at 10:30 a.m. in Room 214, Department of State Building, to consider further action on N.I.A. 6.

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MEMORANDUM FOR CAPT. ROBERT L. DENNISON, U.S.N.

Subject: Coordination of Intelligence Activities
Related to Foreign Atomic Energy
Developments and Potentialities

Enclosure: N.I.A. 6, Copy No. 29

The enclosed paper is the item which the Acting Secretary of State wishes to discuss at an N.I.A. meeting at 1100 today in the Secretary of State's office.

The Secretary of the Navy has already informally approved the enclosed paper but returned his copy of the paper to this office with his approval memorandum. The enclosure is therefore transmitted for your use in preparing for the meeting.

The Secretary of War has also approved this paper and Admiral Leahy has indicated that he approves subject to minor editorial revisions.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE
THE SECRETARY OF WAR
THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
FLEET ADMIRAL LEAHY

Subject: N.I.A. 6

1. The subject paper has the unanimous concurrence of the Intelligence Advisory Board.
2. The National Intelligence Authority at its 9th meeting on 12 February 1947 agreed "to the transfer of the personnel mentioned in N.I.A. 6." This transfer was completed on 18 February 1947.
3. It is, therefore, requested that approval be granted to publish the enclosure to N.I.A. 6 less paragraph 2, since the action indicated in that paragraph has already been accomplished.

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Acting Secretary, N.I.A.

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1. In lieu of the proposal contained in N.I.A. 6, I suggest that the National Intelligence Authority and the Atomic Energy Commission enter into the attached agreement.

2. The provisions of this agreement are prompted by two considerations. Primarily, the State, War and Navy Departments must be responsible for the security of the country, including security from attack by atomic weapons. In so far as intelligence activities relating to atomic energy in foreign nations are concerned, technical and industrial capabilities and intentions are the critical items of interest to these three departments. Secondarily, however, the situation regarding source materials is such that the United States is obtaining large quantities of foreign supplies by means of a number of international arrangements. These arrangements include a survey of world source materials, acquisition of such material, and preclusive operations. This program, currently conducted through the Manhattan Project, is on a large scale and operating efficiently. In view of the foregoing, I deem it inadvisable to divorce this essential function from the Atomic Energy Commission and, consequently, suggest the delineation of responsibility contained in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the attachment.

3. Because of conditions in certain areas (e.g., Russia and Russian dominated countries), it may be found that the Central Intelligence Group, with the advice and assistance of the Atomic Energy Commission, may be in the best position to perform certain source material operations. Conversely, the situation in certain other areas (e.g., Canada and the United Kingdom) may be such that the Atomic Energy Commission may be better prepared to provide the Government with intelligence relating to atomic energy developments in those areas. Consequently, the attachment permits, in paragraph 3 thereof, upon a mutually agreeable basis, the Director of Central Intelligence and the Atomic Energy Commission to suballocate to each other, by subjects or geographical areas, portions of their primary responsibilities.

4. Paragraph 4 of the attachment provides that the Atomic Energy Commission and the Director of Central Intelligence will render to each other such assistance as may be appropriate to their responsibilities. Such assistance would, of course, include the loan of personnel, the transfer of files, and the exchange of information as appropriate.

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The Atomic Energy Commission and the National Intelligence Authority hereby agree to the following allocations of responsibility in the field of foreign atomic energy developments and potentialities which may affect the national security:

1. The Atomic Energy Commission will be primarily responsible for the collection of all intelligence information related to source materials (uranium, thorium, and any other material peculiarly essential to the production of fissionable materials) in nations other than the United States, and the correlation, evaluation and appropriate dissemination of the resulting intelligence.
2. The Director of Central Intelligence, subject to the direction and control of the N.I.A., will be primarily responsible for the collection of all intelligence information regarding all foreign atomic energy developments and potentialities which may affect the national security other than that specified in paragraph 1 above, and the correlation, evaluation and appropriate dissemination of the resulting intelligence.
3. The Atomic Energy Commission and the Director of Central Intelligence may, upon a mutually agreeable basis, suballocate, by subjects or geographical areas, performance of the functions specified in paragraphs 1 and 2 above.
4. In order to enable the Atomic Energy Commission and the National Intelligence Authority to discharge their respective functions, the Atomic Energy Commission and the Director of Central Intelligence will render to each other such assistance as may be appropriate to their responsibilities, including the exchange of necessary facilities, personnel, information and intelligence.

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NIA 6

P - Topic is AE - Position is despite his Order NIA + implementing, Mr. under G has small dir to get info on for act in atomic field - Seems to use sources, under their isolated info connection + relation to CIG - Talked goes - Seems carrying out Pres. order only if transferred ^{CIG-2} not case where -
- This order transfers to CIG - nothing to do with M proper - nothing! Comm - Even if did, still comes under Pres. order - but is lost now, not available

7 - P - not deny use to Comm?

P - nothing to do w/ ideas improve com - Under so far already

H - Troubled - Spoke to Pres. - not familiar -
At Comm almost entirely dependent on for
sources of uranium - Understand ^{ILLEGIB} act of going first where uranium, low at

[Redacted]

P - Let cost initial Com and cost
of people we gather - Solely to watch what

ILLEGIB

[Redacted]

I - nothing to do w/ first of them - I can't
possibly impress - Did not sign not fully
- No help to [Redacted] to buy
55 - still feel better wait

should be done

G - ~~Other side~~ - no intent seem to Comm.

P - Agree - Comm has big job - This small segment - Can't be juggling because few people - D + N open to obj - AE new Army - This going on treat as if didn't exist, know nothing abt it. Feel only: to cut out taking this on

V - Hate to have think that CIG must withhold from any govt outfit needs it - That's CIG mission - If NIA says give to Comm, yes - Do it more eff. - Use all info. that Groves or Corbin cannot - I agree not coop. because I may st. - Best source of info by Groves is SSD which replaced by CIG (SD) - If know, must use all sources - If NIA OK's, ~~no~~ nothing.

P - Suppose Gr. had info Russ prepared to use at bombs ~~NIA~~ not know

A - not clear of abt facts - Inssofar as find out what other comb doing, under V - If find out where uranium is, of vital interest to Comm.

P - Gr. completely alone - Hostile to spirit & prob.

L -

P - Under completely separate unit of G - If don't act,

L - ~~Comm~~ Approved For Release 2003/05/05 : CIA-RDP85S00362R000700100003-0 build up
I org. of itself - If decide need, - If

A - Think we'd better do anything in wt or 10 days before Comm app'td - understand that Pres. wish

T - See no great harm done - Reluctant let this lie over

P - Can't do it then because under Comm - can now - If Comm, ask for all G's has, take up imp post, freeze all people - Have to ask Pres

A - Strongest reason not doing now

T - Intent of NIA draw together all this - can't have one unit seg & isolated - If pres sound

P - Pt. this only part info - Whole sig will & will be unless UN perfected into a controls effected - Extremely difficult if don't agree with policy along lines of what other committees being

L - Comm get info better from this than any they set up for long time

T - Can't imagine Vclaymer

P - NIA authority to direct

A - all do what Pres. wants - If L clear w/ Pres.

L - Diff clear w/ Pres this time

P - not obj. taking up of Pres but so clearly in direction

L - L ^{Approved For Release 2003/05/05 : CIA-RDP85S00362R000700100003-0} possible to reverse after Comm est.

A - Thing bothers abt doing things hurriedly -
Wordng sounds all right - If sum coding
in fin, wouldn't do because familiar
would be taking away from Treasury

L - If keep away, pt. better strength

A - Tell feel Comm - Let's coerce Comm,
give them chance to see their say

V - Int. fin. getting up - both getting
- Let get set up - If Comm asks NIA
for it, give it ~~don't be disturbed~~ will
Propose / Be intact

L - NIA turn over, you keep in pos. to turn
over Comm if subsequently decided

P - Taken view rd other Munits should be
Kept intact for Comm - But this ~~pos.~~ will
int. & within terms Pres. letter

V - His int & ours - Where man is & where goes
but not from us except getting it for US

L - Why not CIG do b/o inst

V - Get 2 agents in fd one same, one oppose

Int. produced shall be made available as
directed by NIA ~~excepted~~ to Comm

This dir will be reviewed w/Comm when est.

L - NIA direct CIG to get info & coll & eval. Don't
get people now

V - People are pers. staff - Have been brought
in, ~~Approved For Release 2003/05/05 : CIA-RDP85S00362R000700100003-0~~ collect w/o telling info - If V sets up, must

tell people

L - Doing dangerous thing to sit & work time

P - Have power to send G-2 at away - Can't tell CIG

L - Let G-2 tell Comm

L - want my friend do not want evil people
1. you're greatest what before
denied this info

V - Pos. to date

I - Please order & send tel to Pres. - NIA approves
if meets w/ his approval.

P - I.S. Org under Comm must be given to V
anyway

w/o pay to future dis of Comm & to any
changes by

MEMORANDUM FOR THE NATIONAL ADVISORY AUTHORITY:

Subject: N.I.A. 6

1. It is requested that each member of the National Intelligence Authority indicate his action on the subject paper by returning the attached memorandum to the Secretary, after making appropriate entry in the space provided.

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Secretary, N.I.A.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY, NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE AUTHORITY:

Subject: N.I.A. 6

1. The subject paper is:

- a. Approved without change
- b. Approved, subject to the minor amendments set out below
- c. Disapproved. Request meeting of N.I.A. to consider paper

2. Suggestions or amendments: *

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(Signature)

14 AUG 1946
(Date)

Return to: Room 2165
New War Dept. Bldg.

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Col. Eddy

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of Intelligence Activities Related to Foreign
Atomic Energy Developments and Potentialities

1. I had understood the immediate problem to be the transfer of the ~~research~~ group (concerned with intelligence about foreign research into atomic energy) from the Manhattan District to the Central Intelligence Group, to preserve the value of this work and prevent the dispersion of the team. This proposal as described in Paragraph 2 of Enclosure "A" is approved by me.

2. I do not have the knowledge nor the authority to give equal approval to Paragraph 1, according to which "the Director of Central Intelligence, subject to the direction and control of this Authority, is hereby authorized and directed to coordinate the collection of all intelligence information related to foreign atomic energy developments and potentialities..." There is no doubt that the Central Intelligence Group is the logical place for intelligence on atomic energy insofar as the Departments represented on the National Intelligence Authority are concerned. However, the top secret nature of the atomic projects may well include plans for intelligence work which are not known by other Departments of the Government. I shall, therefore, require time and opportunity to receive instructions from the Department of State before indicating approval of Paragraph 1 of the enclosed draft.

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NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE AUTHORITY
COORDINATION
CONTROL AND SUPERVISION OF INTELLIGENCE
ACTIVITIES RELATED TO FOREIGN ATOMIC ENERGY
DEVELOPMENTS AND POTENTIALITIES

Memorandum by the Director of Central Intelligence
With the Unanimous Concurrence of the Intelligence
Advisory Board

Foreign atomic energy developments and potentialities constitute

a paramount field of intelligence related to the national security.
 As such, the National Intelligence Authority is responsible for planning, developing, and coordinating Federal foreign intelligence activities in this field.

To date, the Foreign Intelligence Branch of the office of Major General Leslie R. Groves, the Commanding General of the Manhattan Engineer District, has been the agency performing functions of collecting and evaluating intelligence related to foreign atomic energy developments and potentialities. This Branch has operated under the personal direction of General Groves, who is in turn responsible, by Presidential directive, to the Secretary of War.

The newly created Atomic Energy Commission will be concerned with the entire field of atomic energy in the United States, including commercial as well as military aspects. The Commission will, upon Presidential directive, take over the responsibilities of the Manhattan Engineer District. It is considered appropriate at this time that the National Intelligence Authority should authorize and direct the Director of Central Intelligence to coordinate the collection of all intelligence information related to foreign atomic energy developments and potentialities affecting the national security, and to accomplish the correlation, evaluation and appropriate dissemination within the Government of the resulting intelligence. This should include control and supervision of the activities of the Foreign Intelligence Branch *by agencies subject to N.I.A. coordination*.

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operated by General Groves. It should also be possible, when deemed expedient by the Secretary of War and the Director of Central Intelligence, to transfer the personnel and working files of this Branch to the Central Intelligence Group.

The enclosed draft N.I.A. Directive is designed to carry out the conclusions contained in the above paragraph. This Directive has been unanimously concurred in by the Director of Central Intelligence and the Intelligence Advisory Board, which in this case included the Commanding General of the Manhattan Engineer District.

It is recommended that the National Intelligence Authority approve the draft directive in Enclosure "A".

HOYT S. VANDENBERG
Lieutenant General, USA
Director of Central Intelligence

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ENCLOSURE "A"

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PROPOSED N.I.A. DIRECTIVE

COORDINATION
CONTROL AND SUPERVISION OF INTELLIGENCE
ACTIVITIES RELATED TO FOREIGN ATOMIC ENERGY
DEVELOPMENTS AND POTENTIALITIES

Pursuant to the President's letter of 22 January 1946, designating this Authority as responsible for planning, developing, and coordinating all Federal foreign intelligence activities so as to assure the most effective accomplishment of the intelligence mission related to the national security, the following policies and procedures relating to Federal intelligence activities in the field of foreign atomic energy developments and potentialities affecting the national security are announced:

1. The Director of Central Intelligence, subject to the direction and control of this Authority, is hereby authorized and directed to coordinate the collection of all intelligence information related to foreign atomic energy developments and potentialities affecting the national security, and to accomplish the correlation, evaluation and appropriate dissemination within the Government of the resulting intelligence. The Director of Central Intelligence is further authorized to arrange with other intelligence agencies of the Government to utilize their collection facilities in this field.

2. To accomplish the function assigned in paragraph 1, the Secretary of War and the Commanding General of the Manhattan Engineer District have authorized the Director of Central Intelligence to assume the control and supervision of the Foreign Intelligence Branch operated by the Commanding General of the Manhattan Engineer District. The personnel and working files of this Branch may be transferred from the Manhattan Engineer District to the Central Intelligence Group at any time agreed to by the Secretary of War and the Director of Central Intelligence.

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